

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 41 and 65, as provided in the following Listing of Claims:

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Claims 1-40. (Canceled)

Claim 41. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method, comprising:

storing, with a central processing computer,
information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is derived from a ticket for an entire event, wherein the event is at least one of a game, an athletic event, a competition, a performance, a concert, and a tournament, and further wherein the event is an event

which takes place at or in at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, and further wherein the ticket for the entire event corresponds to a seat or seats at the at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, for the event, wherein the ticket for the entire event is purchased from a ticket issuer by a first individual having a ticket account, and further wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is purchased by or used by a second individual during the event and before the completion or the conclusion of the event with a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket for a portion of the event, or a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket option for a portion of the event, being made to the ticket account of the first individual or a ticket account of a third individual;

receiving and storing, with the central processing computer, information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event either prior to a start or a completion or a conclusion of the event or when the first individual or a the third individual is leaving a venue of the event or leaving the event during the

event and prior to a completion or a conclusion of the event,
wherein the first individual or the third individual initiates
or establishes a communication link with the central
processing computer using a first communication device, and
further wherein the information regarding an available ticket
for a portion of an event is transmitted from a the first
communication device and is received by ~~a receiver~~ the central
processing computer after the communication link is initiated
or established;

processing, with the central processing computer, the
information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option
request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event
which remains after a start of the event and before a
completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option
for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the
event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event,
~~with a processing device,~~ wherein the central processing
computer ~~processing device~~ processes the information regarding
a ticket request or a ticket option request using the
information regarding an available ticket;

generating, with the central processing computer, at
least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option

availability message, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message contains information regarding at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is generated before a completion or a conclusion of the event; and

transmitting, from the central processing computer, the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message to a second communication device associated with or used by the second individual or a fourth individual, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is transmitted to the second communication device before a completion or a conclusion of the event.

Claim 42. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

receiving a response to the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message, wherein the response is transmitted from the second communication device; and

processing a transaction regarding a purchase of the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event.

Claim 43. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 42, further comprising:

transmitting information regarding the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event to the second communication device; and

at least one of printing via a printer the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and displaying via a display device information regarding the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event.

Claim 44. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 42, further comprising:

at least one of effectuating a payment to the ticket account and effectuating a withdrawal from an account associated with the second individual or the fourth individual.

Claim 45. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start

of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event is a ticket.

Claim 46. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event is a ticket option.

Claim 47. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is transmitted via, on, or over, at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web.

Claim 48. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the first communication device or the second communication device is a wireless device or a wireless telephone.

Claim 49. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the first communication device or the second communication device is a personal digital assistant.

Claim 50. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the first communication device or the second communication device is a kiosk or an automated teller machine.

Claim 51. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

generating a notification message containing information regarding a purchase of at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event; and

transmitting the notification message to the first communication device or to a third communication device associated with a seller of the ticket or the ticket option.

Claim 52. (Canceled)

Claim 53. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the second individual or the fourth individual is located at the event or at a venue of the event.

Claim 54. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

storing information regarding an available buyer for the ticket or the ticket option;

processing the information regarding an available buyer for the ticket or the ticket option;

generating a buyer availability message containing information that an available buyer exists for a ticket or a ticket option; and

transmitting the buyer availability message to the first communication device or to a third communication device associated with a ticket holder or a ticket seller or used by a ticket holder or a ticket seller.

Claims 55-56. (Canceled)

Claim 57. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

processing information regarding an auction of, or a bidding for, a ticket or a ticket option which is identified in the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message.

Claims 58-59. (Canceled)

Claim 60. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

generating a second ticket availability message, wherein the second ticket availability message contains information regarding a ticket or a ticket option available for sale or resale prior to a start of the event or a second event;

transmitting the second ticket availability message to the communication device associated with an individual or used by an individual;

receiving an offer to purchase the ticket or the ticket option; and

processing information regarding a sale or a resale of the ticket or the ticket option.

Claim 61. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the event is at least one of a game, an athletic event, a competition, and a tournament, and further wherein the event takes place at or in a stadium or an arena, and further wherein the ticket corresponds to a seat at or in the stadium or the arena.

Claim 62. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the event is a performance or a concert, and further wherein the event takes place at or in at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, and further wherein the ticket corresponds to a seat at the at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall.

Claim 63. (Canceled)

Claim 64. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the first communication device or the second communication device is an interactive television.

Claim 65. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method, comprising:

receiving and storing, with a central processing computer, information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is derived from a ticket for an entire event, wherein the event is at least one of a game, an athletic event, a competition, a performance, a concert, and a tournament, and further wherein the event is an event which takes place at or in at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, and further wherein the ticket for the entire event corresponds to a seat or seats at the at least

one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, for the event, wherein the ticket for the entire event is purchased from a ticket issuer by a first individual having a ticket account, and further wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is purchased by or used by a second individual during the event and before the completion or the conclusion of the event with a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket for a portion of the event, or a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket option for a portion of the event, being made to the ticket account of the first individual or a ticket account of a third individual;

receiving and storing, with the central processing computer, information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event when the first individual or a the third individual is leaving a venue of the event or leaving the event during the event and prior to a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the first individual or the third individual initiates or establishes a communication link with the central processing computer using a first communication device, and further wherein the information regarding an available ticket for a

portion of an event is transmitted from a first communication device and is received by ~~a receiver~~ the central processing computer after the communication link is initiated or established;

processing, with the central processing computer, the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, ~~with a processing device,~~ wherein the ~~processing device~~ central processing computer processes the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request using the information regarding an available ticket;

generating, with the central processing computer, at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message contains information regarding at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a

ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is generated before a completion or a conclusion of the event; and

transmitting, from the central processing computer, the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message to a second communication device associated with or used by the second individual or a fourth individual, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is transmitted to the second communication device before a completion or a conclusion of the event.

Claim 66. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 65, further comprising:

receiving a response to the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message, wherein the response is transmitted from the second communication device;

processing a transaction regarding a purchase of the

at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event;

transmitting information regarding the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event to the second communication device; and

at least one of printing via a printer the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and displaying via a display device information regarding the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which

remains after a start of the event and before a completion or
a conclusion of the event.